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General Comment

The Draft TMDL does not take into consideration WWTPs that have already spent millions of dollars toward meeting the October 1st, 2010 nitrogen and phosphorus limits. It is utterly ridiculous to make the customers of these treatment plants pay again to meet new limits when WWTPs only account of approx. 11% of the problem. We have an \$30,000/month debt payment that we must pass on to our customers. Many of them will not be able to make their new sewer rate payment. We can not go back to them and ask for more. Municipalities and Authorities have done their share. Look to the polluters to effectively and wisely address the problem. It is an outrage that people at the top levels in government can possibly come up with a plan that misses the target by such a incredible margin. If it should come to pass, we will explore all options including handing over the keys.